Exposure of corruption in Government Departments

3797. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently informed the Supreme Court that the Central Vigilance Commission would protect those exposing corruption in Government Departments, till a legislation was enacted on the subject;

(b) if so, the details of suggestions made by Government before the Bench of Supreme Court and whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner would be given autonomous independent powers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are seriously contemplating to bring a Bill in this connection; and

(f)if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) While hearing Writ Petition (C) No. 539/2003 in the case of murder of Shri Satyendra Dubey, the question of suitable machinery for acting on complaints from Whistle Blowers arose. Accordingly, the Government had issued a Resolution dated 21.4.2004 read with Corrigendum-dated 29.4.2004 authorizing Central Vigilance Commission as Designated Agency to look into complaints made by whistle blowers and to ensure their protection.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The Public Interest Disclosures (Protection of Informers) Bill 2002, drafted by the Law Commission is under examination.

Scrapping of ACRs

3798. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to scrap the system of Annual Confidential Reports as a basis for promotions and empanelment;

(b) the details of the new system proposed;

(c) to what extent Government would try to institute a new system for giving promotions to all officers;

(d) whether it is a fact that the marks given by training institutes would count for more than ACR gradings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) There is no proposal to scrap the system of Annual Confidential Reports as a basis for promotions and empanelment.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) There is no proposal to institute a new system for giving promotions to all officers.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Joint ventures to train officials

3799. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have got in touch with foreign universities to offer joint ventures to train official who are already in service;

(b) if so, the names of foreign universities with which Government is in touch to train Indian bureaucrats;

(c) to what extent, it would help in making out officials more efficient and responsive to the needs of our people;

(d) whether Government propose to review such proposals; and

(e) the reasons for going in for help from foreign universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (e) The Government of India has a scheme under which serving officers are nominated for long term and short term training in foreign universities. Among such universities are:—

1. University of Syracuse, USA
2. University of Birmingham, UK